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In re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3729
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Serial No.: 10/789,503) Examiner: Kim, Paul D.
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For: Microsuspension Assemblies for Direct)
Access Storage Devices)

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A. Non-English Language References

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